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PLEASE PASS TO:

MRS. JOSEPH KALDOR
2108 CONCORD STREET
YOUNGSTOWN OHIO 44509
TEL. (216) 792-6746

1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE PRESUMED DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, JOSEPH KALDOR.

2. JAMES PAINTER INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT LIMA, PERU ON JUNE 29, OF THE PRESUMED DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND BY A FALL FROM NEAR THE SUMMIT OF HUASCARAN MOUNTAIN ON JUNE 26 OR 27. YOUR HUSBAND AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS CLIMBING TEAM WERE SEEN ON THE WEST SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 26. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, TWO OTHER CLIMBING TEAMS, ONE SWISS AND ONE PERUVIAN-AMERICAN, SAW THE SUMMIT AND SAW THE BODY OF A MAN WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED TO US BY MR. PAINTER AS THAT OF ALBERT KLEIN LYING BELOW THE SUMMIT. YOUR HUSBAND AND THE OTHER MEMBER OF THE PARTY HAVE NOT YET BEEN FOUND. IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESUMED BY MR. PAINTER THAT THEY ALSO HAVE FALLEN OR WERE BLOWN OFF THE SUMMIT DURING THE NIGHT. THE CLIMBING TEAMS WHO SAW MR. KLEIN'S BODY REACHED BASE CAMP WHERE MR. PAINTER WAS STAYING WEDNESDAY AND MR. PAINTER REACHED THE TOWN OF HUARAZ WHERE HE COULD CALL THE EMBASSY ON THURSDAY. MR. PAINTER HAS RETURNED TO THE SITE TO HELP WITH SEARCH EFFORTS. MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT FOR HIM AT THE NOTEL BARCELONA IN HUARAZ,

TEL. 2179.

THE PERUVIAN POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL) ARE ASSEMBLING A RESCUE TEAM IN HUARAZ TO ASSIST IN SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORTS AND AN EMBASSY OFFICER

WILL ARRIVE IN HUARAZ JULY 1 TO ASSIST IN COORDINATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION. SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORTS HAVE UNFORTUANTELY NOT ALWAYS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER CLIMBING ACCIDENTS ON HUASCARAN DUE TO THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TERRAIN. CONSULAR OFFICERS AND MR. PAINTER ESTIMATE THAT IT MAY BE AT LEAST JULY 3 BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT EFFORTS ARE FULLY KNOWN. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OR THE DUTY OFFICER OF THIS POST BY PHONING 28-6000 IN LIMA.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBLE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER RELEASE OF THE REMAINS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE NORTHERN UNITED STATES WOULD COST \$1800. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF U.S. WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$250. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$380. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND DO NOT INCLUDE COSTS INCURRED BY MR. PAINTER FOR RECOVERY OF THE BODY.

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4. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LIMA, PERU AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, CLEARLY MARKED WITH NAME OF DECEASED.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGMENTS FOR YOU.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY OUR OFFICE WILL BE FOWARDED TO YOU.

6. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND DESIRE TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO YOU ON THIS UNFORTUATE OCCASIONS.
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